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FOREIGN DOCUMENTS DIVISION COMMENTS ON H. R. 11042

(Mr. Hays of Ohio)

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The Hays Bill, as written 27 February 1958, seems to provide a method of wide dissemination of unclassified government documents to the public through libraries. We have no copy of the statutes which this Bill amends and it is therefore difficult to make accurate assessment of the scope of these provisions. Insofar as FDD reports [REDACTED] are concerned, the Bill does impose a substantial burden on the Agency, as at least two copies of each must be reproduced for each US district for which there is a Representative, Delegate or Resident Commissioner and the cost of printing and binding is charged to the appropriation of the producer of the documents. This could amount to several hundred thousand dollars per year for an additional 1,000 copies of current reports required under the Bill.

This wide dissemination would probably result in a large volume of requests from private individuals and industries for additional copies.

Actual dissemination of the documents is the responsibility of the Superintendent of Documents to whom the copies must be delivered by the originator.

One possible exception from this large printing bill may exist in lines 21-23, page 5 which state "but shall not include so-called

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'cooperative publications' which must necessarily be sold in order to be self sustaining." Interpretation of "cooperative" and "self sustaining" is the key.

In order to avoid definitely the added printing costs all reports would have to be stamped "For Official Use Only" which would preclude public dissemination and be contrary to the desires of the Director.